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Facts on Child Pornography

- 55% of all child pornography is produced in U.S. Russia is second with 23%
- The average sex offender has over 100 victims
- Every second 28,258 internet users are viewing some type of child pornography
- Every second over 3 million dollars is spent on child pornography
- Every 39 minutes a new pornographic film is produced in the U.S.
- The pornography industry is larger than the combined revenues of Microsoft, Amazon, Ebay and Google
- Last year, the US DOJ awarded 4 million dollars in PSC grants

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Project Safe Childhood

Project Safe Childhood is a US Department of Justice initiative designed to protect our children from online sexual predators. Led by the offices of the local United States Attorney's, Project Safe Childhood brings together federal, state and local resources to locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children

over the internet. This community effort also identifies and rescues victims, and provides local training, educational and awareness programs. Under Project Safe Childhood the number of federal child exploitation prosecutions has increased significantly. In 2007, US Attorney's offices throughout the country prosecuted over 2,000 defendants. This was a 28 percent increase over the previous year.



Child Exploitation / Pornography Investigations

In October 2007, Christopher Klatt, 22, of South Milwaukee pled guilty to possession and distribution of child pornography. His collection of child pornography was large, diverse and graphic. Klatt pled guilty to a distribution charge that carried a five-year mandatory minimum sentence. In April, Judge Randa sentenced him to 100 months in prison, which will be followed by 10 years on supervised release.

Michael Nagel, 46, of Illinois was charged in a "traveler" case in which he used a computer to communicate extensively with "Maria," an undercover Milwaukee police detective posing as a 14 year old girl. He came to Milwaukee thinking he would be having sex with Maria. Instead, he was arrested and charged in Federal Court with interstate travel for the purpose of having sex with a minor and use of a computer to attempt to entice a child into unlawful sexual activity. The latter charge, to which he pled guilty, carries a mandatory minimum penalty of ten years. He will be sentenced later this month.

Jon Hansen, 48, of Racine a former funeral home director was charged with possession and distribution of child pornography. He entered a guilty plea to the distribution charge, which carries a five year minimum sentence. He will be sentenced later this month.

Child Exploitation / Pornography Investigations

In March, Dennis Metallo, 48, of Kenosha was sentenced to 10 years in prison by Chief Judge Rudolph T. Randa of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. This will be followed by a lifetime supervised release for the crimes of attempted enticement of a minor, attempting to cause the transport of a minor with the intent to engage in sexual activity, and the distribution of child pornography. Metallo engaged in numerous on-line computer chats with an undercover police officer from Colorado. He was arrested at the airport awaiting an incoming flight from Colorado. Metallo believed he was going to engage in sexual acts with an eight year old girl and had reserved a hotel room near the airport.

Jason Roush, 27, of Illinois, was charged in Federal Court, after he traveled to Wisconsin thinking that he would meet two fourteen-year old girls with whom he would engage in sexual acts. His arrest was the result of an undercover operation involving a Milwaukee Police Detective posing as a young girl. Rousch engaged in numerous on -line chats and recorded phone conversations which were extremely sexual in nature. In March 2008, he was sentenced to a 120 month imprisonment.

How the U.S. Attorney's Office can help

- Project Safe Childhood will bring tough sentences in all child pornography and child exploitation cases
- Help coordinate local, state and federal resources for effective and efficient uses of investigative tools
- Project Safe childhood will help protect children in our community from online sexual predators
- Assist local law enforcement with training and technical assistance

According to U.S.
Attorney Steven
Biskupic "the
Department of
Justice has made
the protection of
our nation's
children a top
priority through
Project Safe
Childhood "

Project Safe Childhood Conference - September 3rd and 4th

The United State Attorney's offices in the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin in cooperation with the Wisconsin Department of Justice will sponsor a Project Safe Childhood Conference in Stevens Point on September 3rd and 4th. A grant was obtained from the Executive Office of the United States Attorney's to help pay for this free training. The tentative agenda includes sessions on the following topics:

- Interviewing a child victim
- Seizing computer evidence
- Conducting on-line investigations
- Prosecuting child pornography cases
- Who are the future victims? How do we prevent victimization?